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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YASUO SUDA) : Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: 09/604,964) : Group Art Unit: 2722
Filed: June 28, 2000) :
For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS) December 8, 2000

The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

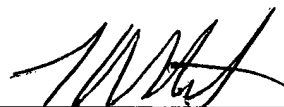
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A complete English language translation of the Japanese publication is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. The Japanese publication may be pertinent for the reasons discussed at page 26 of the specification.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant submits that no fee is required for consideration of this information since, to the best of his knowledge, no Office Action has been mailed. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees necessary for consideration of this information to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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